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Front cover: The Army is on point for America, whether protecting Kosovar children or undertaking other vital missions worldwide.
— SSG William G. Cronk

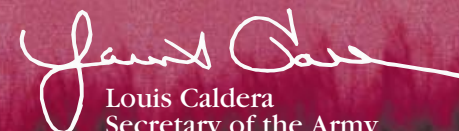
THE Soldiers Almanac 2000 is a story about the Army's accomplishments during the past year. Serving on point for the nation in over 90 countries, you and your families prove every day that no matter what the challenge — limited resources, frequent deployments or a wide spectrum of missions — you are the world's pre-eminent land force.

You are also the pride of America — citizen soldiers who are living symbols of our values and our commitment to peace and prosperity for people the world over. Wherever you are serving, you are the link between the Army's proud heritage and its bright future. Our friends abroad, especially those you have helped in places like Central America, Bosnia and Kosovo, look to you for assurance that some day they too can enjoy the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Here at home, you are role models for future generations of Americans who will take your place and continue the Army's proud legacy.

Many things will change in the future — technology, doctrine, training and certainly our mission requirements — but the constant that will ensure our Army is always persuasive in peace and invincible in war is the dedicated men and women, like you, who are our Army. Congratulations on another outstanding year of service to our nation and best wishes as we embark on a new and promising century.



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